The scheme encourages poor sections to avail of loan facilities through Commercial Banks/Housing Finance Companies for the purposes of construction/acquisition of houses and avail 5% subsidy in interest payment for loans upto Rs. 1 lakh.

Further, with a view to encourage allotment of land for EWS, under the newly launched Scheme of 'Affordable Housing in Partnership', Central Government assistance will be provided on a progressive scale vis-a-vis built up area earmarked for EWS/LIG as a percentage of total constructed area. The assistance would be available for the provision of civic services such as water supply including ground level/overhead service reservoirs, storm water drainage, solid waste management, sewerage including common sewerage treatment facilities, rain water harvesting, approach roads, electricity lines etc.

Attitude of Indian embassies/consulates

3147. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received any complaints from the Overseas Indians of non-co-operation, rude behaviour and callous attitude on the part of Indian Embassies/Consulates; and

(b) if so, the action the Ministry has taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) and (b) Complaints are received occasionally against Indian Missions and Posts. They are generally in the nature of complaints regarding non-accessibility of the staff, non-responsiveness or discourteous behaviour. As and when such complaints are received they are brought to the notice of the Heads of Missions for necessary corrective action.

Job losses in Dubai

3148. DR. BARUN MUKHERJI: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a considerable number of Indians working in Dubai are recently being summarily dismissed from their jobs;

(b) if so, the reasons and the number of Indians who have so far lost their jobs; and

(c) the steps Government of India contemplates to take to ensure adequate compensation to them by their employers and their rehabilitation in India?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Unemployment due to Dubai economic crisis

†3149. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government is aware that due to Dubai Economic Crisis there is apprehension that the large number of Indian workers working there would become unemployed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is immediately going to make arrangement for providing employment in the country to Indian workers becoming unemployed in Dubai; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) Due to the reported Dubai economic crisis, there is no apprehension of any significant sudden job loss for the Indian workers employed there.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Cases of public grievances

3150. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the total number of cases of public grievances received in the Prime Minister's Office, Cabinet Secretariat and Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances is 109620, 101995, 124052 and 52933 during the year 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 upto 30th June, 2009 respectively;

(b) whether out of the above, nearly 30 per cent, 28489, 29591, 37879 and 18267 respectively were forwarded during these years to various Ministries and Departments for appropriate action;

(c) the disposal of above actionable complaints and officials found legally or departmentally culpable; and

(d) the number of grievances of the citizens that were redressed within a period of two months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The concerned Ministry/Department disposes the complaints in a decentralized manner. Data on departmental action taken by different Ministries/Departments against officials and also the number of grievances that were redressed within a period of two months is not maintained centrally.

Coverage of CJI under RTI Act

3151. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a High Court has ruled that office of the Chief Justice of India (CJI) falls within the purview of RTI Act, while the CJI contends outside the court that it does not fall within the purview of the Judiciary; and